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SUBJECT: WEST BERLIN TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS

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1. PANAM'S SUGESTION OF A SCHEDULED SERVICE TO TURKEY IS WELL KNOWN TO BRITISH HERE (WHO LEARNED ABOUT IT ORIGINALLY FROM PANAM RPT PANAM SOURCES). BECAUSE WE WERE AWARE OF BRITISH KNOWLEDGE OF PANAM THINKING, WE TOOK STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH OF INFORMING FRENCH AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES BY IB ALONG WITH CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE. HAD WE NOT DONE SO, IDEA WOULD HAVE BECOME KNOWN ANYWAY, BECAUSE HEREZ, FRESHLY BACK FROM US, CHOSE TO TELL BRITISH AND FRENCH LIAISON OFFICERS AS WELL AS US OF HIS POSITIVE APPROACH TO PROPOSAL.

2. OUR OWN ESTIMATE IS THAT SENAT WOULD BE HAPPY
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WITH ANY ARRANGMENT PANAM COULD REACH WHICH WOULD

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RETAIN 70PERCENT OR MORE OF TURKISH WORKER MARKET FOR WEST BERLIN (TEGEL). WE WOULD EXPECT THAT IF THIS RESULT COULDBE ACHIEVED WITHOUT NEED FOR SUBSIDY, SENAT WOULD BE PLEASED. HOWEVER WE SHARE BONN'S CONCERN THAT PANAM HAS BEGUN TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE PERMITTING SENAT TO SO MUCH AS CONSIDER SPECIFIC REQUEST MADE OF THEM.

3. IN LIGHT OF GALLAGHER'S REQUEST AND USCAA DECISION NOT TO TABLE PANAM PROPOSAL, WE WILL INFORM FRENCH AND BRITISH MISSIONS THAT COMPLICATIONS HAVE DEVELOPED IN PROPOSALS FOR SCHEDULED SERVICE WHICH WILL THEREFORE NOT REQUIRE ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE WILL NOT SPELL OUT WHAT THOSE COMPLICATIONS ARE ALTHOUGH AGAIN, GIVEN THE CHARACTER OF THE AIR COMMUNITY HERE, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE NEWS OF A CHARTER POSSIBILITY CIRCULATED QUICKLY. GEORGE

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